



It was “Erin go Bragh!” at Kildare’s for St. Patrick’s Day.

This weekend there was a great deal of the aqua blue of Aruba’s flag to be seen around the island, but on Saturday night, “the wearing of the green” was the order of the day. Everyone was Irish for St. Patrick’s Day at Aruba’s new and only authentic Irish Pub, Kildare’s, which is located up the stairs on the second level of the Bayside Mall in Oranjestad.

Kildare’s owner Brian Reeve, accompanied by his wife, Luz-Marina, and his son Michael, were positioned at the entrance to greet all and sundry to their new establishment, celebrating not only the holiday, but also their grand opening. As is customary for the St. Pat’s celebration, attendees enjoyed green beer and perused a menu that features traditional Irish cooking. If one experiences a craving for Irish Soda Bread along with Corned Beef and Cabbage, Kildare’s is the place to find it, aside from Caribbean favorites such as barbecued spare ribs and chicken.

During the opening of Kildare’s, typical Irish music played on the sound system, but on Wednesday and Friday nights, the popular band Lotus will be found there from eight until midnight playing the best of U2 and classical rock. Kildare’s has a cozy charm one associates with an Irish pub, but spacious surrounding for dining inside or *al fresco* on their terrace that overlooks the street and all the activity below.

Kildare’s was not only the place to be for St. Patrick’s Day, but offers a delightful ambiance and a unique menu any day of the week, along with Guinness beer, which is brewed in Dublin. Certainly, an unusual new club for Aruba and an interesting change of pace; the official opening of Kildare’s on St. Patrick’s offered a double cause for the celebration of being Irish!